

Assistant Secretary David Moseley's Weekly Update



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Welcome 2014!

I want to welcome WSF customers and employees to 2014! This is shaping up to be an exciting year for WSF. Although there are many challenges ahead, including sustainable funding to support the more than 22 million annual customers who rely on WSF services, I am hopeful that our legislature will revisit a transportation revenue package this session. Additionally, I look forward to our continued exploration of [liquefied natural gas](#) (LNG) as a potential fuel for the Issaquah Class ferries, and a way to reduce emissions and fuel costs. Our newest ferry [Tokitae](#) is in the final stages of construction and is scheduled to begin service on the Mukilteo/Clinton route at the start of summer schedule. The environmental impact statement for the [Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal Project](#) was completed in 2013. We anticipate the Federal Transit Administration to issue a record of decision in early 2014, allowing construction of the new terminal to proceed, pending funding.

Winter sailing schedule starts Jan. 12

On Sunday, Jan. 12, customers on some routes will be affected by seasonal service changes. Fewer weekend sailings are scheduled on the Fauntleroy/Vashon Island/Southworth runs. Three vessels will operate on weekends between Anacortes and the San Juan Islands; that's one fewer than in fall. As with previous winters, there will be no service to Sidney, B.C. Customers can pick up the new schedule on board any ferry or at the terminal. Schedules are also available [online](#) and through the Washington State Department of Transportation's iPhone and Android [apps](#).

Colman dock customers: Seattle seawall construction begins

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has started construction of the new [Elliott Bay Seawall](#) on and adjacent to Alaskan Way, and we will begin to see more [construction and some changes at Colman Dock](#). Starting Jan. 7, Alaskan Way will shift to a [temporary roadway under the Alaskan Way Viaduct](#) and remain there throughout the seawall project (completion in 2016). On Jan. 10, access to ferry queuing will move one block north, from Madison Street to Spring Street. Later this month, SDOT will also remove the fountain and benches at the south side of Colman Dock (to be replaced at project completion) and shift the Yesler Way driveway to the north. Pedestrian and bicycle access will be maintained. Should you have questions, contact the seawall project office directly via [e-mail](#) or call the 24-hour hotline (206.618.8584). As we receive updates on construction around Colman Dock, we will send customer e-mail alerts to Seattle route subscribers. To sign up for WSF customer e-mail alerts, visit us [online](#).

Bainbridge terminal seismic upgrade

The 1950s-era Bainbridge Island terminal building will be rehabilitated beginning Jan. 21 to bring it into compliance with today's seismic and energy efficiency standards. Walk-on customers will notice detours, including closure of the ramp leading to the building. When the project is completed in Sept., in addition to a seismically sound facility, passengers will enjoy larger bathrooms, additional space and new windows, among [other improvements](#). For related construction alerts, please sign up for WSF customer e-mail alerts [online](#).

Call of the Sound: Romance of Foghorns Endures

I want to share a story by Jim Gates of KUOW that aired this week called "[Call of The Sound: Romance of Foghorns Endures](#)." In the age of technological advances, a foghorn might seem old fashioned, but it is still a useful and often critical maritime navigation tool.

McDonald's closure at Colman Dock

The McDonald's restaurant that has operated at Colman Dock since 1987 closed for business at the end of the operating day on Dec. 31. Customers can buy food and beverages from concession operators along Alaskan Way and in the terminal food court.

Orcas terminal painting completed

Customers of the Orcas ferry terminal will enjoy the freshly painted [transfer span, wing walls, and towers](#) that wrapped up this week. The wing walls and towers were last painted in 1999, and the transfer span was last painted in 1987 making it the oldest remaining paint on a transfer span in the system. Congratulations terminal engineering and construction on a job well done!

Customer Compliments:

Wonderful service

I thought I would shoot a quick note to you to tell what wonderful service I have seen as a walk-on passenger on the Kingston-Edmonds run this year. ... I have been riding ferries for over 50 years now and I know the system and people. The staff is just tremendous, warm, friendly, and extremely welcoming every morning and evening.

My sincere thanks to all the staff and crew for their excellent service!

Immensely grateful

Our Operations Center received this nice note from a customer on the Bainbridge Island run:

I had to get (a family member) to a hospital in Seattle as soon as possible. ... Ticket seller Ronnie and Liz and Richard directing traffic were wonderful in arranging for us to be upfront in the center lanes. We were able to get (our relative) to the hospital and into surgery in short order. It's still uncertain whether he'll make it but these three employees at least gave him a chance. We are immensely grateful to them for their kindness, concern and help.

I appreciate the extra attention that WSF ticket seller Ronnie Thesenvitz and WSF traffic attendants Liz Miller and Richard Lord provided to assist our customers during a potentially life-saving situation.

Next Week:

- Joint Transportation Committee meeting
- Olympic Class ferries progress meeting

David Moseley's weekly updates are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division Web site at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly.

Hyperlinks within the e-mail:

Liquefied Natural Gas: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Environment/LNG.htm

Olympic Class (144-car) Ferries: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/144carferries/

Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal/

WSF homepage: www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/

Get traveler information on your mobile device: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Inform/mobile.htm

City of Seattle Seawall Project: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Inform/mobile.htm

Seawall Construction Near Colman Dock:

http://waterfrontseattle.org/Media/Default/Seawall/2013_1203_WSFWhattoExpect_Flyer_FINAL.pdf

City of Seattle Seawall Construction Map: www.waterfrontseattle.org/construction/map

City of Seattle Seawall Project e-mail: seawall@waterfrontseattle.org

Create a WSF Account: <https://secure1.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/account/index.cfm?type=Alerts>

Bainbridge Ferry Terminal Rehabilitation: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr305/bainbridgeterminalrehab/

KUOW Story: <http://kuow.org/post/call-sound-romance-foghorns-endures>

Orcas ferry terminal: www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157639245735074/

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